

SCU BECOMES 9979 TSU--SGO PATIENT MARK IS 1300 AS CLOSURE DATE APPROACHES

Dibble's move into a closing period was marked this week by increased transfer or discharge of patients, and by the hospital's transfer to that of a Class IV installation. SCU 1985 has become 9979 TSU-SGO.

Patient rosters now total approximately 1300 still hospitalized here. During April, some 130 patients were transferred to other hospitals; more than 350 were given CDD's or sent back to duty. Practically all dispositions are to be determined by 1 June.

The new status prohibits admission of patients from other general or regional hospitals, but DGH continues to admit local and veteran cases at a rate of 40 or 50 per week.

As a Technical Service Unit, Dibble is directly under the SGO, Washington, in all matters of personnel. This move will facilitate transfer of both officer and enlisted duty personnel to installations where they are most needed, regardless of service command. General "housekeeping" needs—housing, supply, transportation—are still governed by the NSC.

Officers desiring transfer to another service command should request this before 1 May. As nearly as possible, Col. Streit assures the same privilege to enlisted personnel who still have reasonable service ahead.

As nearly as possible, patients who live in other parts of the country will be transferred nearer their homes.

DGH Praised After Gen Stilwell Tours

Gen Joseph W. Stilwell made a routine inspection of Dibble last Saturday 20 April in his capacity as Acting Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command.

Accompanied by Maj General Frank B. Merrill, the General visited all sections of the hospital, talked with patients in most of the wards. He gave high praise to the exceptional morale of the patients, and commented favorably on the setting and fine physical appearance of all the facilities.

Plastic Section Has New Display Room

Completed April 18th, the Plastic Conference Room on Wd 7 was inaugurated the same morning. The room contains a permanent exhibit of plastic moulages under a battery of lights, and is used for discussions concerning plastic surgery and the ultimate disposition of patients. Provision is made for the showing of surgical movies taken at Dibble.

The schedule is as follows: at 1500 daily an examination and outline of scheduled plastic surgery; at 0800 Thursdays a discussion on surgical problems and the disposition of patients; and at 1100 Thursdays there is a plastic and orthopedic conference centering about patients under treatment by both sections.

Officers Here for Training

Seventeen medical officers arrived at Dibble last week for an average eight-week applicatory training before receiving their permanent Army assignments.

The ASTP-trained officers were recently inducted for internship and residence and must serve for a period of three years.

2ND AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE CITATION TO DGH FOR SEPT. TO FEB. PERIOD!

A second awarding of the Meritorious Service Unit Citation was the unique honor given to 1985 SCU, DGH, Col. Paul H. Streit announced last week.

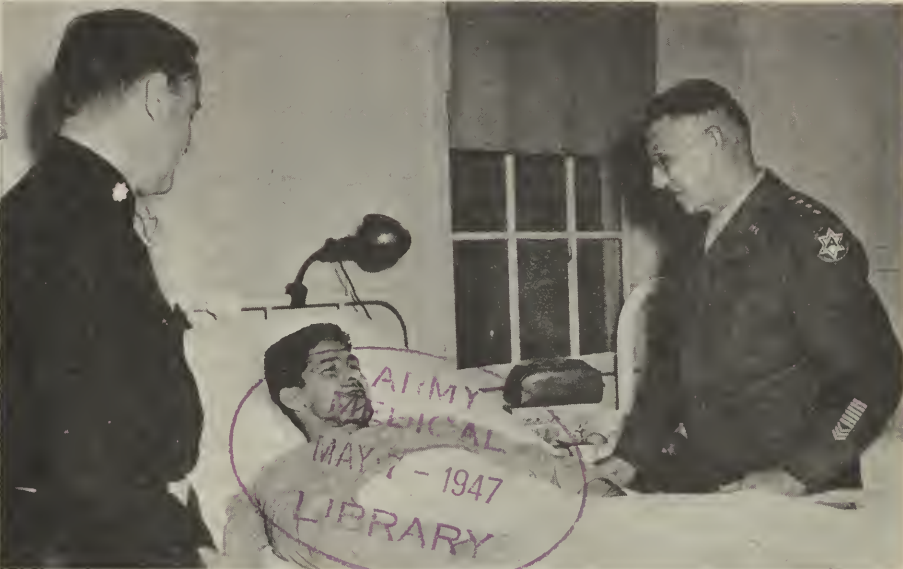
Acknowledging the rare award, Col. Streit stated that, "Only a very few organizations in the United States Army have merited this distinction."

The citation adds a gold star to the plaque, which was presented earlier to the unit, "for superior performance of duty and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period from 1 September 1945 to 28 February 1946." Dibble received the first award for the period between 1 December 1944 and 31 January 1945.

The insignia consists of a square sleeve patch with a golden yellow laurel wreath superimposed. Personnel assigned or attached to 1985 SCU for a minimum of 60 days during the second cited period are authorized to wear the patch. Individuals

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"VINEGAR JOE" INSPECTS COMMAND



Gen. Stilwell took plenty of time to chat with the patients during his recent tour. Here he's shown shooting the breeze with Pvt. Billy Cruz, Wd 6, Lt. Col. Macomber looking on.



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YOUR JOB AT THE POLLS

Howling is your prerogative. You've brought and paid for it. You have paid too much to forget the value of what you have fought for. Just as it was your responsibility to fight, it is now your responsibility to take your place in society. You may feel out of touch—that you don't know what's going on—that even if you do, your vote won't count against all the jokers. In rebuttal, there are 12,000,000 veterans—that's no joker; it's a simple matter to find out whether your chosen representatives' actions stack up with the cards you, individually, hold in your hands.

Registration for the primary elections is almost over in most states. But you still have a chance in some states to say your Yea or Nay within your political party to platforms of its candidates. Any good librarian can show you the record of the present office incumbent.

There are a number of pitfalls. Characters in both Houses may take the teeth out of bills the public demands and then vote to continue the bill; thus erroneously keeping favor with the public. For example, the Senate's subcommittee on appropriations would like to kill the Kilgore committee 'in the interests of economy, of course.' The Kilgore committee has the names of US industrialists who cooperated with German industry during the war, and plan now to aid in rebuilding the same affair that cost so much. There are still bushels of documentary evidence coming out of Germany today.

Being citizens, you have a responsibility to yourselves and also to the nine out of ten people who aren't veterans. In some ways, you may be the only ones with strength and knowledge enough to insure that the real job is eventually realized. P.R.

THE LESSON OF I. G. FARBEN

Reports on I. G. Farben, presented in February at hearings of the Senate War Mobilization Subcommittee, prove that the German conspiracy against the peace involved not only the Nazi Party and the German General Staff, but also powerful German industrial and financial interests. German heavy industry had no normal, peacetime development. It was carefully controlled and expanded to enable Germany to wage war. It was an accomplice who armed Germany and weakened the defenses of her prospective victims. Without I.G.'s productive and research facilities and international affiliations, German aggressions would have been impossible.

We will not have eliminated the German threat to peace until we break up such concentrations of economic power as I. G. Farben and secure the industrial disarmament of Germany agreed upon at Potsdam. I. G.'s productive capacity has been left largely intact by the war. It is profoundly disturbing that some American Military Government officials, ignoring clear-cut directives to destroy I. G., are working to reconstitute the monster chemical combine. This is precisely what the German industrialist-conspirators desire. Unless we dismantle I. G. Farben's plants, shipping their facilities to countries devastated by Germany, and take similar steps with respect to other German industrial giants, we may expect their ambitions to plunge the world into a third war.

HELEN KELLER AT DIBBLE



Famous Visitor Is Welcomed With Gaiety in Blind Wards

Helen Keller brought her genuineness and humor to Dibble patients Monday, April 22. The 66-year-old silvery haired woman radiated vigor and energy as she moved from patient to patient guided by her friend and companion, Polly Thompson. Miss Keller spent several minutes with each patient.

The guests, accompanied by Col Paul H. Streit, Dibble's CO, visited as many wards as possible during the morning. In the afternoon Miss Keller spoke to patients and detachment personnel in the recreation hall, telling of her early childhood and her efforts in overcoming her triple handicap—blindness, deafness and mutism.

Chapel Services

PROTESTANT

Chaplain John H. Gentry

Sunday: Music concert, 0930, worship service, 1000. Tuesday: Bible study and discussion, 1830. Thursday: Latter Day Saints meeting, 1930.

CATHOLIC

Chaplain Patrick McGoldrick

Sunday: Masses, 0600, 1100. NP Section, 0900. Monday: Mass novena and benediction, 1930. Mass, 1645. Tuesday: Mass, 0700. Wednesday: Mass, 1645. Thursday: Mass, 0700. Friday: Mass, 1645. Saturday: Mass, 1645. Confessions, 1900-2100. Confessions before and after each Mass.

JEWISH

Rabbi Emanuel Kumin

Thursday: Sabbath Service, 1900. Chaplains available for consultation at any time. Call Extension 299.

All personnel, military and civilian, and their families and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!

Air-Minded Sylvia Taught Cadets to Use Their Wings

There've been a lot of tales of men with wings in their head, but Dibble has an air-minded young woman who not only loves flying herself, but who has shown plenty of men about it . . . Sylvia Simonson, now undergoing plastic treatment on Wd. 7.

Her first taste of "the wild blue yonder" came when she worked as a meteorologist at Kellog, Idaho, back in post-war days. Flying out to verify her weather reports, she discovered that she enjoyed the "high life" more than anything she had ever done.

When everything pointed to war in '41, Sylvia enrolled in an aviation course and emerged with a commercial pilot's license and an instructor's rating. She joined the CPT, and soon was a full-fledged instructor to an Army College Air Crew Detachment. Her contribution to the war effort added up to 88 pilots, several of whom made headlines as P38 pilots overseas, and a long series of personal appearances and radio speeches to boost Air Corps enlistments.

When CTD closed, Sylvia lost in a plea for a release to join the WASP—her talents were considered too valuable by the government—and was assigned to a Washington airport for flight duty. There she met with disaster which eventually sent her to Dibble. On a routine flight, engine trouble set the plane afire. "We hit the silk in a hurry," Sylvia remembers, "and the next thing I remember is waking up in Bushnell GH." Official report of the mishap states that "Due to turbulent ground winds and to Miss Simonson's slight build, she was dragged over the frozen field and was unconscious when finally rescued."

EIGHT TO THE BAR . . .



Gold Star for DGH Citation

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who have served at Dibble in both periods may place a golden numeral 2 within the wreath.

WD Circular 345, 1944, states that the insignia will be worn centered on the outer half of the right sleeve of the service coat and shirt with points of the laurel wreath up, the lower edge of the insignia four inches above the end of the sleeve.

The other half of Sylvia's family is chief pilot Frank Simonson and 5-month-old 'Tuffy,' who nonchalantly is cutting his first tooth while his red-headed mother recuperates.

At Dibble, Sylvia takes time between surgery to study Spanish and French, and to make much-appreciated tours of the wards discussing types and models with other patients who plan to buy a plane and do some air-venturing on their own.

Catron Will Thump Out His Career With Solid Backing

Before his injury Johnny Catron was just a fairly ambition young musician. A bass thumper, he played with Chico Marx, Hal Grayson, Johnny Richards and occasionally at Paramount.

When Johnny came into the Army, the big fiddle stayed with him. He played in the ATC Band at Hamilton Field, until a gun snafued him, and he lost most of the use of his right hand. While convalescing between surgeries, Johnny picked up some drum sticks, played with them a while, and soon was back beating out a new spot with his old ATC Band.

Transferred to DGH for further surgery, Johnny got an idea. Why not have a band made up of disabled veterans, a darn good dance band. He knew there were plenty of good musicians with war-incurred disabilities that might hold them out of regular bands.

Johnny walked it around, talked it around and auditioned fellows. He signed up a few, including Benny Stabler who played trumpet with Woody Herman. He's even signed a vocalist, Jo Ann Jackson of San Francisco, who lost both legs in an automobile accident. Then he got outside support. Local 47 of the Musician's Association promised to back him and offered to sponsor the band in a tour of Army and Navy Hospitals. Joe E. Brown has offered his help and that of his agent.

So Johnny's set for the day surgery is through with him—if he gets enough boys. Priority is given to disabled veterans, but if necessary to complete his 16 pieces, any good veteran musician will be accepted. Those interested can find Johnny on Ward 6.

BLIND REHAB GOES ON A SEARSVILLE PICNIC



"Make mine catsup! chorused the chow hounds after a brisk swim in the lake.



It's a man's world. And everyone enjoyed this ride except the horse . . . who refuses to comment.



All present and accounted for!

Oh Nurse!

Information, pliz: Why so many dash to answer the "Alex-is-here" call, but seldom hear the phone when it rings . . . Perrine's delayed reaction: She's wearing dark glasses on accounta reading Culbertson way into the wee hours—but it brought home the bacon from the Tuesday night bridge party. . . . Congrats to the gals who braved the card competition at the Club.

Sure fire . . . or so she claims . . . is Jake's secret vitamin combination. It's guaranteed to bring high bowling scores . . . "Ahs!" over the permit for Easter bonnets . . . same style . . . but now they can wear 'em in beige.

TPR's taken here: Van Dyke, Perrine and Fowler serenaded Gen Stillwell when he visited Surgery . . . Lois Streit trying to keep her men from meeting . . . Milly Smith brought a new grey suit—then enlisted in the R. A. . . . Jacobowski assuaging a busted romance with hot compresses—on her eye . . . Daisy Morris' new roommate is a bicycle . . . "Irish" Harding neither eating nor sleeping . . .

Glad scenes: Abbie back in circulation . . . ex-Dibblite Maggie Honore—assisted by Rooney—greeting old friends . . . Sebastien's wedding, with white gown, music and flowers.

Ask Volunteers for Paratroops

Any officer or enlisted man desiring to volunteer for Airborne Training may contact either the hospital liaison officers or military personnel officer at the Headquarters Building according to Sec III, WD Cir 109, 1946.

WARD Matter

The payoff: Jim McGill now swears by his buddies, the Dibble Radio Players. He was flat busted the other night, went to their Quiz program, won a five-spot . . . on the same show, a temporarily toothless WAC patient won a tube of Colgates.

Practising up for the vets' home . . . the Crochet Circle on Wds 1 and 2 . . . Among the busy little stitchers are Joe Meher and John Schweikart . . . While Wd 5's Fred Wilson feverishly tries to hook his 20th AAF rug with the surgery schedule breathing hotly over his shoulder.

In the noise: Spivey goes spiritually back to the North Carolina hills on Wd 13, accompanied by his guitar . . . Favorite entertainer on Wd 7 is Surgery's Col Beaty, who may be seen most any afternoon surrounded by a score of patients, also plinking away on a guitar. Lucius Thornton, Wd 25, takes his cast—bed and all—down to Special Services daily to work out his piano lessons from Det man "Red" Collers.

Mass exodus: Familiar faces trekking to R&E on their way to other hospitals or discharge . . . with Charley Lewis doing his derndest to stay at Dibble . . . and the train of beds from vacated wards chugging (under man-power) through the Civic Center is reminiscent of the San Jose commuter.

These summery days: family gatherings on the lawn . . . Heat hounds splashing at the pool, howling at the sun and the gals in their sleek swim suits . . . The accordion player who popped up in Mills Hall and played for hours and hours t'other night . . .

Lt Berton Squires, sail plane fiend, claims a record for his model craft. It went out of control down on Middlefield Road the other afternoon. Next day a woman called from Los Gatos to say it was found on a hoss trail way up in the hills . . . which is a matter of 17 miles and an hour's flight . . . really somepin' for the planes, which usually soar not more than three minutes.

April Showers Bring Det Frolic

Under bright paper umbrellas and spring flowers, the two enlisted detachments danced at an "April Showers" party last Wednesday night.

Sponsored by Special Services, the gay gathering brought the gals out in pastel cotton frocks. A tuxedoed orchestra from San Francisco kept the company hopping. Intermission featured a deluxe buffet supper.



BOQ

By BOQ Plenty

The BOQ is getting to be a difficult place to live in and it is urgently requested that an MP be assigned to maintain a little order around there. The "kids" on the second floor (from Lieut. to Col.) are constantly indulging in hilarious pranks much to the amusement of the rest of the boarders. You can hear them laugh, or can you.

What's new in the BOQ??? . . . Could those be mustaches on the faces of Lt Harrington and Lt Sullivan, or just something left over from dinner? . . . There seems to be a great number of shiny new silver bars around these days—it must be the post-war army come to relieve the old and tired . . . Capt Coodley and Lt Fondiller have finally established themselves as the worst bridge players in the BOQ, and no one seems to be giving much of a contest for the position . . . Some of the local boys are acquiring beautiful tans by their frequent visits to the spa of Dibble, Marsh's beach.

Newest detachment on post is commanded by Major (Defiable) (Grand Slam) Crofut, CO BOQ. Adjutant is Lt (Flash Gordon) Sullivan and other key officers are Col Pratt, Police and Personnel; Spitz, dietitian; Lt (Herringbone) (Ski-champ) Harrington, Executive Officer; and Lt Bowden, messenger service. Arrival of this new organization has brought long-needed changes and improvements to the BOQ. Strict enforcement of early retirement is now in order, made easier by a six ayem reveille to the shrill blast of Provost McCall's whistle.

The Wolf

by Sansone



WAC Wise

It's over the waves . . . for lucky Doty Rummier and Kathleen Kelly. They departed week-ago Monday to report to a 'Jersey ORD . . . Noise in B-2 t'other night was Sarge's welcome home from her bunkmates. Seems she complained that no one missed her, returned later to find her wardrobe distributed on the pipes and her bed doing a chronic vanishing act.

A compass . . . from the Orderly Room to Marvel Mitchell . . . when she was seen discovering the floor-plan in officers' quarters . . . all accidentally—natch! . . . Proof that "White Owl" McClure is smoking too much: When Marian MacMahon, with a touch of the finger, can topple her earthward. . . . Speaking of Mac . . . new monniker is "Chief-Pink-in-the-Face."

The Easter bunny—with Sarge's help—provided a funful party in the dayroom . . . Hidden talent: Adrianna Lanting and Betty Miller won prizes for most-lavishly-dyed eggs . . . June Luttermoser and Helen Van Zwol won the egg-hunting prizes . . . and Miller's rendition of a Russian ballet.

Sun daze: The gals on the graveyard shift soak up the sunshine while they sleep in the patio . . . Shinn perches happily on the lifeguard tower at the pool . . . Lee White dashing for the great-out-of-doors after seven evenings of bridge . . .

WACommendations: to Van Zwol and Mahringer and whoever inspired their appointment as permanent CQ . . . to (yes, again) Sarge and Betty Frieling for their be-bunnying and be-flowering job in the Post Theater at Easter.

18 Are Awarded GC Medals

Eighteen DGH patients received the Good Conduct Medal last week: Receiving the awards were: S/Sgts Frank Buckley and Lester Hilderbrand; Sgt. Walton Anderson, Jr.; T/5's Karl Hacker and Raymond Silvas; Pfc's Christian R. Aona, Joseph Flynn, Robert Minjarez, Lee Mosher, Harold Nussberger, Michael Romeyko, Nelson Taylor, Marshall Samuels, John Shirley; and Pvts James Cannon, Domingo Ramos-Martinez and Refugio Rodriguez.

CIVIL TONGUES

Spring Fervor: Ex-Detachment Bill Carney, blind rehab, is still blushin'—and the missus is fussin'—over those "woo woo's" of appreciation he drew from a batch of nurses. Carney steps into the capable shoes of Bill Westcoat who's heading for Missouri and a pin-stripe.

Here's Howe . . . meaning Lizabeth Scott-like Beverly Howe, newest addition to Civilian Personnel staff . . . soch an edition! That shocking pink sunburn is facial only, she insists, even though she did get it on a boat. The wolf-pack in the dental section doesn't miss a trick . . . Bev gets a "Grr--rrr--rreat" deal of attention from them alla time.

Poor Man's Luther Burbank—is Steve Cravath of the Brace Shop. He crossed a yardstick with a rainbow. Result: sweet-peas with 14 inch stems . . . On the smart side, those Gibson Girl-like blouses sported by Millie Mullen and Kay Killcare. (Alliterative, isn't it?)

Date Dilemma: Poor Edna Washburn of Civilian Payroll had everything all settled for a vacation at Carmel . . . then found she couldn't go on accounta Mother's Day!

'Bye Now . . . Eloise Pyle, Myrla Smith, and Shirley DeLancey, all OT's, are departing for the Veterans' Hospital at Sattelle to finish their training and become registered occupational therapists.

New Chaplains Added to Post

Two new chaplains arrived last week to replace Chaplains Claude E. Adams and Camille J. Chasse.

New Catholic chaplain for the post is Capt Patrick McGoldrick. A five-year Army veteran, he served in Guadalcanal, New Georgia and the Philippines with the 25th Division. Chaplain McGoldrick was assigned to Dibble from Birmingham GH.

First Lt John H. Gentry, new Protestant chaplain, was previously stationed at Ft Lewis, Wn., Camp Haun and Ft Baker, Calif.

The Post Library will no longer be open on Sundays.

Medical DT's

Passing Seen—John Wynn doing double-takes on A-1's sign and its denizens when he returned from furlough—completely new bunch of men . . . Bernier, Mike Mayo, Kenny Saum, Freddie Presta and Lowell Swinder tossing baseballs and words about nightly.

Saum, Presta and Bernier visitin' and losin' at Bay Meadows—Purple Passion Bernier blaming it all on "Cuddles" . . . Consensus of opinion is that the third change in the mailing address gave the right name—9979 "TS" Unit.

The buck privates gazing wistfully at all the new 6-strippers—they're outnumbered now . . . The NCO Club, ex-den of iniquity, playing host to bingo on Tuesdays and dancing on Thursdays . . . Steve, Sherman and Wes, of the Photo Lab, booming for a big business.

To Review Non-Com Busts

Washington (CNS) — A new policy will be instituted with regards to recommendations for demotion of non-commissioned officers for misconduct or inefficiency, the War Department announced.

As in the past, immediate commanders will refer such cases to the appointing authority, but that officer now is required to appoint a board of at least three disinterested officers to examine the case, the statement added.

The War Department statement pointed out that if the board finds the complaint is not justified, it is now mandatory under the new order that either the non-com or his commanding officer be transferred to another unit.

Liaison Has Outfit Addresses

Patients who want to contact their old outfits may find a list of permanent division addresses in the AGF and AAF liaison offices, Wd 22.

New list received there last week included the mailing addresses of: 1st, 3rd, 9th, 28th, 36th and 77th Infantry Divisions; 4th and 7th Armored Divisions; 17th Airborne Division; and the 488th Bombardment Squadron.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Grilled Chicken on Three-Decker, Well Browned



DibWACs Rout Cp Stoneman In Softball Opener, 11 to 3

A solid 11-to-3 victory over Camp Stoneman opened the DibWAC softball season on their home diamond Wednesday, 24 April.

The local gals chalked up five hits against three by their opponents in a rough-and-tumble game which put four players out of action because of injuries. Lone homer was hit by Ferguson of Dibble. Ferris pitched for Stoneman, while DibWAC Sargent held the losers down with her slick shots across the plate.

Lineup for the DibWACS included Lt. Dittman, Weise, Jensen, McClure, Hansen, Luttermoser, Ferguson, Sargent, Hull, Clark and Lt. Fuchs. The gals are coached by Stans Waldman and Ryczik.

WAC Director Cites Varied Skills Performed by Group

Col Westray Battle Boyce, Director of the WAC, paid a surprise visit to DGH last Saturday night.

Speaking to the WAC detachment at an informal meeting, the tiny trim officer pointed out that, from the original four types of work the earlier WAAC was assigned to do, the WAC now served in more than 250 specialized fields.

Col Boyce became WAC Director in July 1945. She served as staff director in the North African and Mediterranean theaters, was the first WAC to receive the Legion of Merit.

Before she left the post, the Colonel peeked into the WAC kitchen, sat down to tea and toast with the fatigue-suited girls she found there. Unanimous verdict: "She's a regular joe!"

KEEPS HIS TRAPS SHUT



... and makes his living by it! Frank Alcade's job is to keep the post free of gophers; that catch he's holding proves his success.

Brass "Polished" by Pts' Nine

In an all-Dibble 10 to 8-run softball match, enlisted patients polished off the post officers team Tuesday 23 April. Orlando of the Patients socked the lone homer. Lineup for the winners was: Orlando, Ebright, Thompson, Whall, Ryczik, Dargle, McClean, Ziebarth and Salvetti.

Officers lineup was Trimble, Littfin, Hale, Sullivan, Harrington, Pokorny, Rogers, Bockovoy and Stetwon. Calling the game were Lt Dick Banning, Physical Recon, and Sgt Jerry Eisenberger.

BULL SESSION AT THE BONNEY'S



Where DGH patients go for weekly "soap-boxing" ... with food, beer, and politics.

CINEMA

Sat., 4 May

Dark Alibi

Sidney Toler, Benson Fang

Blondie's Lucky Day

Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake

Sun.-Mon., 5-6 May

From This Day Forward

Joan Fontaine, Mark Stevens

Tues., 7 May

Badman's Territory

Randolph Scott, Ann Richards

Thurs., 9 May

Talk About A Lady

Jinx Falkenburg, Joe Besser

Fri., 10 May

The Well-Groomed Bride

Ray Milland, Olivia DeHavilland,

Sonny Tufts

Sat., 11 May

Blonde Alibi

Tom Neal, Martha O'Driscoll

The Spider Woman Strikes Back

Gale Sondergaard, Brenda Joyce

Patients Take Top In Kegling Season

The local kegling season ended on Friday, April 26, with the Patient, Post Engineer and Medical Supply fives hitting the top of the ladder. The Patient squad led the league during the fifteen week session except for a one week period when the Supply quintet edged into first place.

The bowlers of the top three teams will be presented silver bowling balls by Col Paul H. Streit.

Statistics: High Team Average, Patients, 820. High Individual Average (Men), Petersen, 179; Littfin, 172; Miller, 170. High Individual Series (Men), Petersen, 619. High Individual Average (Women), Dittman, 136; Hanson, 132; Steele, 131. High Individual Series (Women), Guerraro, 481.

Standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Patients	29	16
*Post Eng	27	18
*Med Sup	27	18
ENT	26	19
Brace Shop	25	20
PT	25	20
Motor Pool	24	21
QM	24	21
Ind Ser	23	22
Eye Clinic	21	24
OT	21	24
R & E	20	25
Surg I	18	27
Surg II	18	27
Plastic Ward	16	29
WAC	16	29

*Bowled off tie 2 May '46

A SKILLED TECHNIQUE



T/4 Ruby Springer holds one of the highly technical jobs in the Eye Clinic — matching prostheses with the patients' good eyes.



CAPSULE CRITICISMS

What makes a book a best-seller? That's the sixty-four dollar question for any pseudo book reviewer. "A best-seller is a book that is good of its kind—that fills a need or supplies a deep satisfaction," says George Stevens in *LINCOLN'S DOCTOR'S DOG*. (Stevens is the light who decided that, since any book about Lincoln, a doctor or a dog was sure to sell, he'd hit the jackpot by writing about Lincoln's doctor's dog.)

If Boston bans a book, it's a cinch, the cynics say. Other critics, citing such current hits as *FOREVER AMBER*, *ZEBRA DERBY*, or *BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN*, point out that a book must be unusual in some way—racy, or humorous, or full of action and suspense.

But a look at the current list indicates there are other needs to be filled, other satisfactions sought through reading. The title which had held its place the longest—four years, in fact—is *THE ROBE*, Lloyd C. Douglas' account of the Roman centurion whose life was completely changed when, by the casting of lots on Golgotha, he won the robe of the crucified Christ.

Also among the top 25 are these books with a serious theme: *ONE WORLD OR NONE*, in which editors Masters and Way report to the public the full meaning of the atomic bomb;

THE GAUNTLET, James Street's story of a young Baptist minister whose faith was tried in the fire of small-town gossip and bigotry;

Dibble WACs Will Celebrate Fourth Anniversary of Their Corps 14 May

GREETING FROM THE CO!

At this fourth anniversary of the birth of the Women's Army Corps, it gives me much pleasure to commend its members on duty at Dibble General Hospital for services rendered.

These women enlisted to "take a man's place" but in many cases exceeded all expectations of those in command. Here at Dibble the WAC has become an important element among the personnel assigned to care for our patients, and in some technical categories, has become essential.

I sincerely wish the WAC many happy anniversaries in the service of the United States peacetime Army.

Colonel, MC
Commanding

The time is not too distant when the WAC Detachment at Dibble will be non-existent.

Before the first groups leave, I want each of you to know that the praise you earned made me proud to be your Commanding Officer. Your willing cooperation and high praise made this the most pleasurable assignment in my Army career. Accept my sincerest congratulations and gratitude for a job well done.

(signed) PEARL FUCHS, 1st Lt., WAC
Commanding

On Tuesday May 14, the Women's Army Corps will be four years old—and Dibble WACs are busily planning to celebrate the birthday.

Climax of activities will be an elaborate dance at Mills Hall on 15 May, hosted by the EM detachment. Planned from the bottom up by Special Services, the party will feature music by the Ft Mason all-WAC band, a huge buffet supper with everything from fried chicken to a real birthday cake. The gals will be allowed to doff their uniforms for the night in favor of sharp new civvys. The hall will be decorated with cartoons of WACtivities and Pallas Athenes. Each WAC is to receive a gardenia, printed bid and a souvenir programme.

To prove that these soldiers-in-skirts have done a proud job, the PRO is sending out a full spread of pictures to the local papers—shots of WACs in action in the labs, wards and offices throughout the hospital.

Fourth anniversary of the Corps marks its second-plus-a-month at DGH. First EW detachment here was activated on 1 April 1944, with Lt Pearl Fuchs as CO and a company of three. The 84th WAC Hospital Company was activated on 28 June '45, the 124th (now inactivated) on 9 July. Present strength is 169 women.

Patients Attend 'Paper Frolic'

Sixty patients from Dibble General attended the annual newspaper frolic, held at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, Friday, 26 April.

The affair, given for the benefit of needy newspaper workers, was a gala show, combining the best night spot entertainers of San Francisco plus Hollywood celebrities.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON . . .



Casey led the gang in a conga at the Special Services shindig last Wednesday.



It's a gift . . . Dibble's own Lt. Earleene Johns in our cool, cool pool . . . and we'll put her up against anything Hollywood can offer.